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Lincoln High Newsletter

Opening Day of Deer Season!

It was opening day for the Wisconsin Deer Hunting season today, Saturday, 11/17/07.

My wife, Judy, bagged a deer on the way home from Grandson Oscar's second birthday party in Fond du Lac.

We were only a few miles from our home in Wis Rapids when this young deer came bounding out of nowhere at full speed and encountered the front end of our Ford.

He smashed into the hood and the right front headlight and sailed over the top of the car.

We're all OK but the deer isn't.

Kent

Kent,

Here's my version of the deer incident. True to form, I used more words than you. You are Hemingway. I'm Zane Grey.

Ed: Such an apt description of different styles of writing! I love it!

Judy Vasby

Hit a deer out along W as it comes across Buena Vista Marsh, near F. Just at dusk. On our way back from grandson Oscar's birthday party in Fond du Lac (he's 2 now). Kent, Heather, and Amber in the car. It just charged out from the right side of the road. Probably some hunter took a last shot and scared it. Just caught a glimpse a half second after Kent (passenger side) spoke. Slammed on the brakes. It hit us in the front right head light, bounced on the hood, and flew up over the top, landing on the opposite side of the road. Could see it floundering around on its back, but we didn't stop. It bothered Heather enormously, but what could we have done? There were cars ahead and behind and some coming toward me. The car didn't seem damaged, even, but after a swift mile, I pulled over so Kent could check, because with that hard an impact there had to have been some real damage. Just amazing that the fender and bumper weren't hurt, only the light and hood. God is gracious, because just a tad sooner or later and the deer could have rammed into the rear side window by Amber or bounced through the windshield, and we might have been hurt.

Kent called 911 on his cell phone to see if we were supposed to report the hit or not and were told that, since there was more than \$1000 damage, it was correct to report it. And because we were in Portage county, we had to report to a Portage county police officer. We were directed to go to the gas station in Kellner and wait. The officer was pleasant, filled out a form-- shorter than what they used to have to fill

out, he said, because deer incidents are so prevalent these days-- and said it would automatically be sent to our insurance company on their request, using the accident report number he gave us. Pretty easy. The officer said he drove past where we said the deer ran into us, but found nothing, so probably one of those other cars (deerless hunters) stopped and picked it up.

We are up here with just my car, because Kent doesn't drive the Cambridge-Rapids run anymore. Bothers his arthritis too much to have to hold that driving position so long, but it's OK to ride along as a passenger, because he can wiggle around and cross his legs. So now, we'll have to get a 'loaner' while my car is being fixed. But again, we consider ourselves very blessed that there were no injuries and continue to marvel at how the car didn't buck or waggle when I hit the brakes; just held the course. It puts the "thanks" in Thanksgiving!

Hi Kent, thanks for all the work you do on the newsletter.

I just wanted to add to the topic from last week after reading Don Solie's comments. My parents always bought their groceries from Johnson Hills. Christmas, 1957, I got a bride doll. Her name was Bette, the beautiful bride. She was 20 inches tall and quite the doll for 1957. My parents bought it at Johnson Hills. At that time there were toys in the grocery department. I remember they would be displayed on the top shelf of the grocery isles. I still have that doll in it's original box. It cost my parents \$9.95, which back then was probably pretty expensive. The price is still on the box. The only time the doll was taken out of the box was when there was a bridal shower either in the family or at church. Bette was always the center piece of the gift table. She is like new to this day. There was a card board backed record with it of Bing Crosby singing Ava Maria.

My hubby and I just returned from 2 weeks in Hawaii. My youngest daughter and her husband live on Oahu. What a great time we had. They live so close to the ocean, high tide washes against the volcano rock wall that is part of their house. They have lived there 4 years and this was our first trip, We are already planning for next year. They have a studio built onto their house so we had our own space, our own personal guides and the time of our life.

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Ed note. Including this because it "tells it like it is."

This is one of the most profound articles that I have read about this Presidency, this era and this so-called war. Everything this man says makes perfect sense to me. No matter your politics, you owe it to yourself to read and pass on so we all are informed of what's going on in our world!.....

Another assessment of where the US stands in relation to the Middle East problems, this one is from the guy who had his finger on the nuclear trigger for three years as head of our defense and response complex buried under Cheyenne Mountain at Colorado Springs. He was the only person who could initiate a nuclear attack after advising the sitting president of a missile launch by our enemies and our need to respond. No political or civilian type in the US had more knowledge about day to day military actions around the world. Everyone should find quiet time to read this. As far as I am concerned, it is exactly the direction we should go and the consequences of not doing so are well thought out.

John R. (Jack) Farrington Major General, USAF (Retired)

Middle East Imperative

BY: JIM CASH, Brig. Gen., USAF, Ret.

I wrote recently about the war in Iraq and the larger war against radical Islam, eliciting a number of responses. Let me try and put this conflict in proper perspective. Understand, the current battle we are engaged in is much bigger than just Iraq. What happens in the next year will affect this country and how our kids and grand kids live throughout their lifetime, and beyond. Radical Islam has been attacking the West since the seventh century. They have been defeated in the past and decimated to the point of taking hundreds of years to recover. But they can never be totally defeated. Their birth rates are so far beyond civilized world rates that in time they recover and attempt to dominate again.

There are eight terror-sponsoring countries that make up the grand threat to the West. Two, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, just need firm pressure from the West to make major reforms. They need to decide who they are really going to support and commit to that support. That answer is simple. They both will support who they think will hang in there until the end, and win. We are not sending very good signals in that direction right now, thanks to the Democrats. The other six, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, North Korea and Libya will require regime change or a major policy shift. Now, let's look more closely.

Afghanistan and Iraq have both had regime changes, but are being fueled by outsiders from Syria and Iran. We have scared Gaddafi's pants off, and he has given up his quest for nuclear weapons, so I don't think Libya is now a threat.

North Korea (the non-Islamic threat) can be handled diplomatically by buying them off. They are starving. That leaves Syria and Iran. Syria is like a frightened puppy. Without the support of Iran they will join the stronger side. So where does that leave us? Sooner, or later, we are going to be forced to confront Iran, and it better be before they gain nuclear capability. In 1989 I served as a Command Director inside the Cheyenne Mountain complex located in Colorado Springs, Colorado for almost three years. My job there was to observe (through classified means) every missile shot anywhere in the world and assess if it was a threat to the US or Canada. If any shot was threatening to either nation I had only minutes to advise the President, as he had only minutes to respond. I watched Iran and Iraq shoot missiles at each other every day, and all day long, for months. They killed hundreds of thousands of their people. Know why? They were fighting for control of the Middle East and that enormous oil supply.

At that time, they were preoccupied with their internal problems and could care less about toppling the west. Oil prices were fairly stable and we could not see an immediate threat. Well, the worst part of what we have done as a nation in Iraq is to do away with the military capability of one of those nations. Now, Iran has a clear field to dominate the Middle East, since Iraq is no longer a threat to them. They have turned their attention to the only other threat to their dominance, they are convinced they will win, because the US is so divided, and the Democrats (who now control Congress and may control the Presidency in 2008) have openly said we are pulling out.

Do you have any idea what will happen if the entire Middle East turns their support to Iran, which they will obviously do if we pull out? It is not the price of oil we will have to worry about. Oil WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE to this country at any price. I personally would vote for any presidential candidate who did what JFK did with the space program---declare a goal to bring this country to total energy independence in a decade.

Yes, it is about oil. The economy in this country will totally die if that Middle East supply is cut off right now. It will not be a recession. It will be a depression that will make 1929 look like the "good-old-days". The bottom line here is simple. If Iran is forced to fall in line, the fighting in Iraq will end over night, and the nightmare will be over.

One way or another, Iran must be forced to join modern times and the global community. It may mean a real war--- if so, now is the time, before we face a nuclear Iran with the capacity to destroy Israel and begin a new ice age. I urge you to read the book "END GAME" by two of our best Middle East experts, true American patriots and retired military generals, Paul Vallely and Tom McInerney. They are our finest, and totally honest in their assessment of why victory in the Middle East is so important, and how it can be won. Proceeds for the book go directly to memorial fund for our fallen soldiers who served the country during the war on terror. You can find that book by going to the Internet through Stand-up America at www.ospreyradio.us <<http://www.ospreyradio.us/> or www.righttalk.com <<http://www.righttalk.com/>. On the other hand, we have several very angry retired generals today, who evidently have not achieved their lofty goals, and insist on ranting and raving about the war. They are wrong, and doing the country great harm by giving a certain political party reason to use them as experts to back

their anti-war claims.

You may be one of those who believe nothing could ever be terrible enough to support our going to war. If that is the case I should stop here, as that level of thinking approaches mental disability in this day and age. It is right up there with alien abductions and high altitude seeding through government aircraft contrails. I helped produce those contrails for almost 30 years, and I can assure you we were not seeding the atmosphere. The human race is a war-like population, and if a country is not willing to protect itself, it deserves the consequences. Nuff-said!!!

Now, my last comments will get to the nerve. They will be on politics. I am not a Republican. And, George Bush has made enough mistakes as President to insure my feelings about that for the rest of my life. However, the Democratic Party has moved so far left, they have made me support those farther to the right. I am a conservative who totally supports the Constitution of this country. The only difference between the United States and the South American, third world, dictator infested and ever-changing South American governments, is our US Constitution.

This Republic (note I did not say Democracy) is the longest standing the world has ever known, but it is vulnerable. It would take so little to change it through economic upheaval. There was a time when politicians could disagree, but still work together. We are past that time, and that is the initial step toward the downfall of our form of government.

I think that many view Bush-hating as payback time. The Republicans hated the Clinton's and now the Democrats hate Bush. So, both parties are putting their hate toward willingness to do anything for political dominance to include lying and always taking the opposite stand just for the sake of being opposed. JUST HOW GOOD IS THAT FOR OUR COUNTRY? In my lifetime, after serving in uniform for President's Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush I have a pretty good feel for which party supported our military, and what military life was like under each of their terms. And, let me assure you that times were best under the Republicans.

Service under Jimmy Carter was devastating for all branches of the military. And, Ronald Reagan was truly a salvation. You can choose to listen to enriched newscasters, and foolish people like John Murtha (he is no war hero), Nancy Pelosi, John Kerry, Michael Moore, Jane Fonda, Harry Reid, Russ Feingold, Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, and on-and-on to include the true fools in Hollywood if you like. If you do, your conclusions will be totally wrong.

The reason that I write, appear on radio talk shows, and do everything I can to denounce those people is simple. THEY ARE PUTTING THEIR THIRST FOR POLITICAL POWER AND QUEST FOR VICTORY IN 2008 ABOVE WHAT IS BEST FOR THIS COUNTRY. I cannot abide that. Pelosi clearly defied the Logan Act by going to Syria, which should have led to imprisonment of three years and a heavy fine. Jane Fonda did more to prolong the Vietnam war longer than any other human being (as acknowledged by Ho Chi Minh in his writing before he died). She truly should have been indicted for treason, along with her radical husband, Tom Hayden, and forced to pay the consequences. This country has started to soften by not enforcing its laws, which is another indication of a Republic about to fall. All Democrats, along with the Hollywood elite, are sending us headlong into a total defeat in the Middle East, which will finally give Iran total dominance in the region. A lack of oil in the near future will be the final straw that dooms this Republic. However, if we refuse to let this happen and really get serious about an energy self-sufficiency program, this can be avoided. I am afraid, however, that we are going in the opposite direction. If we elect Hillary Clinton and a Democrat controlled congress, and they carry through with allowing Iran to take control of the Middle East, continue to refuse development of nuclear energy, refuse to allow drilling for new oil, and continue to do nothing but oppose everything Bush, it will be over in terms of what we view as the good life in the USA. Now, do I think that all who do not support the war are un-American -- of course not. They just do not understand the importance of total victory in that region.

Another failure of George Bush is his inability to explain to the American people why we are there, and why we MUST win. By the way, it is not a war. The war was won four years ago. It is martial law that is under attack by Iranian and Syrian outside influences, and there is a difference.

So, what do I believe? What is the bottom line? I will simply say that the Democratic Party has fielded the foulest, power hungry, anti-country, self absorbed group of individuals that I have observed in my lifetime. Our educational system is partially to blame for allowing the mass of America to be taken in by this group. George Bush has done the best he can with the disabilities that he possesses.

A President must communicate with the people. And, I would tell you that Desert Storm spoiled the people. Bush Senior's 100-hour war convinced the people that technology has progressed to the point that wars could be fought with no casualties and won in very short periods of time. I remember feeling at the time, that this was a tragedy for the US military. To win wars, you must put boots on the ground. When you put boots on the ground, soldiers are going to die. A President must make the war decision wisely, and insure that the cause is right before using his last political option. However, CONTROLLING IRAN AND DEMOCRATIZING THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE ONLY CHOICE IF WE ARE HELL-BENT ON DEPENDING ON THEM FOR OUR FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS. Jimmy L. Cash, Brig. Gen., USAF, Ret. Lakeside , Montana 59922

"I'll tell you what war is all about, you've got to kill people, and when you've killed enough they stop fighting." Gen. Curtis LeMay

Ed note! A very good read!

Without LaFayette, we might have lost the Revolutionary War!

And he was 19 years old when he arrived in the "Colonies".

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